

# FLORIDA EAST COAST YOUTH REGATTA SERIES

## SPRING 2025

### NOTICE OF RACE

The Florida East Coast Series is governed by the Florida East Coast Series Organizing Authority, which is comprised of one representative from each of the host clubs plus the Series Chair.

#### 1. HOST CLUBS & DATES The SPRING series regattas will be held on the following dates:

Regatta 1	YSF Community Sailing Vero Beach, Sunday, Sunday, March 23, 2025
Regatta 2	Melbourne Yacht Club, Sunday, Sunday, April 6th, 2025
Regatta 3	US Sailing Center Martin County, Sunday, April 13th, 2025
Regatta 4	Palm Beach Sailing Club, Sunday, April 27th, 2025

The schedule may be changed via an amendment to the NOR. However, if a regatta is rescheduled for any reason after March 1, 2025, the scores from the rescheduled regatta will be excluded from the series scores in fairness to competitors who may have made other plans for the rescheduled date. The regatta will still have its own awards, but it will not be counted for series scoring purposes.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, ENTRY FEE & AWARDS

2.1 The Series is open to sailors ages 8 – 19 (up to their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday) or for sailors older than 19 through the date of the sailor's high school graduation, whichever is later. Adults 20 and over who are not enrolled in high school may take part in the 420 fleet but will not be eligible to receive series trophies.

2.2 Optis and 420s may register to race with one design scoring in their class. The 420 fleet will now allow competitors to use trapezes and spinnakers. However, sailors not ready for trapezes and spinnakers are still encouraged to participate without these rigs. If there are enough sailors to create 2 separate classes, we can consider offering awards for both groups. At this time, however, awards will only be given to the overall fleet winner, regardless of the equipment used.

The Open Skiff fleet will not be offered due to a lack of participation at this time. If there is sufficient interest, it may be added back into future series.

2.3 Competitors must register independently for each of the regattas. Contact each club for registration details.

2.4 Registration in one regatta in the series will be considered registration of the competitor for the series. If a competitor registers in different classes or fleets at different regattas, they will be registered for the series in all classes/fleets in which they raced during the series. They will be scored as DNC for the classes/fleets in which they did not register for the individual regatta.

2.5 Florida East Coast Series Awards will be awarded to the top three places in Opti gold, Opti silver, and 420s. The Florida East Coast Champion Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the series champion registered in the Opti gold fleet and the 420 fleet. In the 420 fleet, the scoring will be based solely on the skipper's score in each regatta. If the skipper who wins the series has the same crew in all regattas, the crew's name will also be listed on the perpetual trophy.

### 3. CLASS MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Competitors are not required to be members of the USODA or Club 420 Association or O'Pen Skiff; however, all boats must comply with their class rules.

### 4. RULES

4.1 Each regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the Florida East Coast Youth Series Standing Rules as published on the USSCMC website; the USODA Class Rules; this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued by each club.

### 5. SCORING

5.1 The scoring system is as per Appendix A.

5.2 Two regattas must be completed to constitute the series. No series awards or perpetual trophies will be awarded if less than two regattas are held.

5.3 The **Florida East Coast Youth Series** scoring shall be based on the Low Point Scoring System. The sailor's finishing place for each regatta is their score for each regatta in the series. Regatta scores will be added together, with the highest score thrown out if three or more regattas are held, to determine the series score. If only two regattas are held, then there shall be no throw-outs for scoring purposes.

For any regattas in which a competitor does not register for the regatta, the competitor will receive a DNC score - the total number of boats registered in the regatta plus 1. For example, in a regatta with 21 boats registered, the score for anyone who does not register and compete in the regatta will be 22. Registration in one regatta in the series will be deemed registration of the competitor for the series. If a competitor registers in different classes or fleets at different regattas, they will be registered for the series in all classes/fleets in which they raced during the series. They will be scored as DNC for the classes/fleets in which they did not register for the individual regatta. The lowest-scoring sailor is the winner of the Series. In case of a tie, the sailor's Regatta scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the best score. If there is still a tie, the sailor with the lowest score in the last regatta of the series shall be the winner.

In the 420 fleet, the scoring will be based on the skipper's score in each regatta. If the skipper who wins the series has the same crew in all regattas, the crew's name will also be listed on the perpetual trophy.

## 6. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian, or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. This adult is responsible for deciding if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks and shall attend all Competitors' Meetings.

6.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.

6.3 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Check-In the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout each event.

6.4 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

## 7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

7.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 4, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Each participant in the series assumes all risks of their participation, including but not limited to the risk of death or bodily injury and the risk of equipment damage or theft. In no case shall the series organizers or host clubs be liable for any damages of any kind incurred as a result of a sailor's or a guest's participation in the series.

## 8. SCHEDULE

The schedules will be according to the individual NORs for those regattas. Sailors are advised to bring lunch/snacks to eat prior to racing as there are usually no lunch breaks.

## 9. MORE INFORMATION

9.1. For more information, please see the series website at [www.FloridaEastCoastSeries.com](http://www.FloridaEastCoastSeries.com) or contact each host club, or Series Chair Julie Zahniser, via email at: [juliezahniser@gmail.com](mailto:juliezahniser@gmail.com).

9.2. Host clubs can be contacted at:

USSCMC (JENSEN BEACH)

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PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB

Kirsten Delaney: [Sailing@pbsail.org](mailto:Sailing@pbsail.org)

YSF VERO BEACH COMMUNITY SAILING

Skip Willauer: [skipwillauer@comcast.net](mailto:skipwillauer@comcast.net)

MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB

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